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## REMARKS

An Office Action mailed September 8, 2005 rejected all of the pending claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-11, 13-18, 20-21, 23-24, and 27-32 are pending. The Applicant responded in a paper mailed February 7, 2006, and then conducted an interview with the Examiner on February 16, 2006. The Applicant is grateful for the opportunity to discuss the claimed invention and the prior art, and submits this amendment and response consistent with the claims as discussed during the interview.

## CONCLUSION

The applicant respectfully believes that the claims are now in condition for allowance, and requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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